

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-0021

John Shade Miller House

10330 Liberty Road

Randallstown, Baltimore County

1842 ca.

Private

The John Shade Miller House was constructed circa 1842 and dates to an early period of settlement in the community of Harrisonville. According to prior documentation on the property, the building was constructed by John Shade Miller as a parsonage for Robert Brackenridge, the minister of the nearby Mt. Paran Presbyterian Church. The property was conveyed to the Miller family after it was determined that the church's congregation could not afford to pay for the dwelling's construction. John Miller is depicted as the occupant in the 1850 and 1877 county atlases. The dwelling remained in the Miller family for roughly 100 years, first passing into the ownership of Julia McSweeney Miller, and then to Eden Miller. After 1915, the property was conveyed to W. Clayton Jean, for the 1918 tax ledger records the property as belonging to the Jean family. The dwelling currently stands vacant.

The vernacular dwelling fronts south at the end of a long gravel driveway. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure that has been clad with wood German siding and covered with asbestos shingles. The side gable roof with asphalt shingles has a center gable and two interior gable end chimneys with rebuilt caps. The building stands two-and-a-half stories tall and five bays wide. Nine 6/6 windows pierce the façade with square-edged wood sills and surrounds. In the center gable is a round-arched window that is two-lights over a louvered vent. The paneled single-leaf wood door of the entry is protected by a gabled one-story portico with Tuscan columns. Flanked by vinyl cornice returns, two casement window openings retrofit with louvered ventilators pierce each of the gable ends. Projecting to the north is a two-story-tall, four-bay-deep ell with a random rubble stone foundation and vinyl siding. A rebuilt central-interior chimney pierces the roof crest of the ell. Stone piers and a concrete stair indicate that a porch used to project to the east from the ell. Located to the north of the dwelling is a circa 1842 icehouse constructed with random rubble stone. A single-leaf door opening is protected by the overhang of the front gable roof with asphalt shingles.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0021

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John Shade Miller House (preferred)

other Old Miller Place

2. Location

street and number 10330 Liberty Road not for publication

city, town Randallstown vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Lance K. Hunsinger

street and number 712 E. Fox Den Drive telephone Not Available

city, town Knoxville state TN zip code 37922-2548

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 10560 folio 616

city, town Towson tax map 66 tax parcel 144 tax ID number 0219070310

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1842, this vernacular dwelling fronts south at the end of a long gravel driveway. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure that has been clad with wood German siding and covered with asbestos shingles. The side gable roof with asphalt shingles has a center gable and two interior gable end chimneys with rebuilt caps. The building stands two-and-a-half stories tall and five bays wide. Nine 6/6 windows pierce the façade with square-edged wood sills and surrounds. In the center gable is a round-arched window that is two-lights over a louvered vent. The paneled single-leaf wood door of the entry is protected by a gabled one-story portico with Tuscan columns. Flanked by vinyl cornice returns, two casement window openings retrofit with louvered ventilators pierce each of the gable ends. Projecting to the north is a two-story-tall, four-bay-deep ell with a random rubble stone foundation and vinyl siding. A rebuilt central-interior chimney pierces the roof crest of the ell. Stone piers and a concrete stair indicate that a porch used to project to the east from the ell.

Located to the north of the dwelling is a circa 1842 icehouse constructed with random rubble stone. A single-leaf door opening is protected by the overhang of the front gable roof with asphalt shingles. A vented cupola pierces the roof crest.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1842 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1842 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Although Harrisonville was labeled on the 1850 county atlas, it was little more than a tavern stop along the Liberty Road in the mid-19th century.⁵ At that time, a post office and tavern were sited at the center of the village. By 1877, Harrisonville was beginning to take shape. According to the late 19th century atlas, Harrisonville included a blacksmith's shop, wheelwright's shop, fraternal hall, steam sawmill, and the Liberty Hotel.⁶ By 1881, Protestant Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Catholic churches had been established in the community.⁷ Between 1877 and 1915, the built environment changed considerably. Whereas the earlier atlas depicted only a few dwellings along Liberty Road, the early 20th century map reveals that more houses had been constructed in addition to the non-residential buildings that populated the landscape.

¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

² J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850); see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

⁴ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

⁵ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

⁶ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁷ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 832.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Reisterstown Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1842, the John Shade Miller House has been associated with the 5.48 acres of land known as tax parcel 144 of map 66 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

BA-0963
100 DEER PARK ROAD

A-2170
330 LIBERTY ROAD

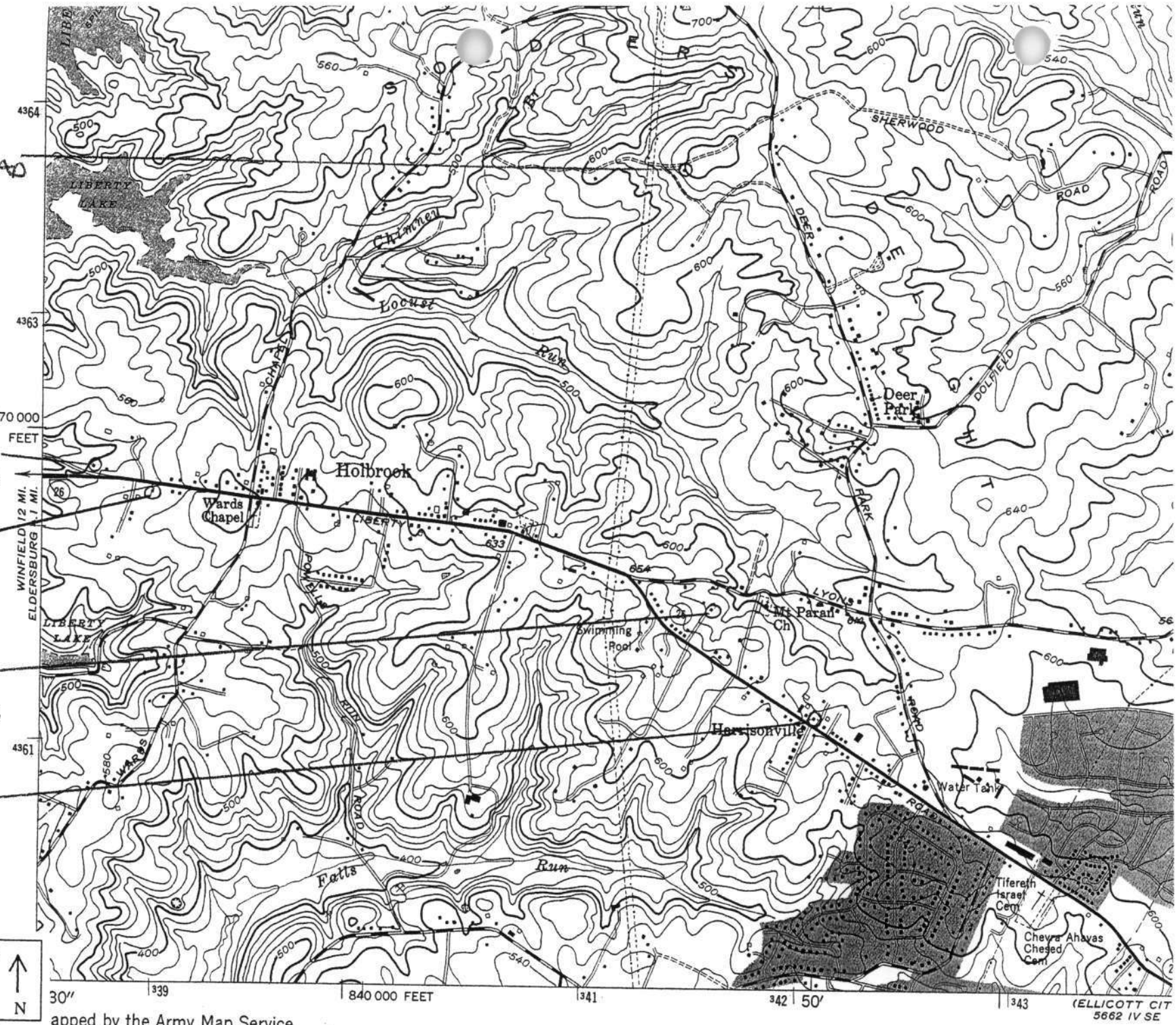
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10330 LIBERTY ROAD
RANDALLSTOWN
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1856
202 LIBERTY ROAD
RANDALLSTOWN
BALTIMORE COUNTY

USGS Quad: REISTERSTOWN
Scale: 1:24,000

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Map prepared by the Army Map Service
Edited and published by the Geological Survey

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ICE HOUSE


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1842

Old Miller Place
south side of Lyons Mill Road,
west of Mt. Paran Church
Harrisonville

This two-story frame house, covered with clapboard, is five bays wide with a gable roof, and is painted white. The house was built in a vernacular style by John Shade Miller, who came here c. 1842 from Manchester to construct a parsonage for the minister at Mt. Paran, the Rev. Robert Brackenridge. The congregation was unable to pay for the house, and the Millers bought it. It was shown as J.S. Miller's in the 1877 atlas. Later, it was owned by Mrs. Julia McSweeney Miller, who complained of the narrowness of the study designed for Mr. Brackenridge. The house also has an entry porch, a box hallway, and a spiral stairway. The house dimensions were 41 x 21 feet when charged to W. Clayton Jean in the 1918 tax ledger. A frame stable survives on the property, which is currently owned by Edmund O. Schaffer.

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore TOWN Harrisonville VICINITY Dist. II STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY BA-21	
		2. NAME Old Miller Place DATE OR PERIOD 1842 STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <p style="text-align: center;">Frame house built for Robert Breckenridge, a famous Presbyterian divine, briefly pastor at Mt. Paran. Once contained a circular stairway. Renovated.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div> 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</div><div>7. PHOTOGRAPH</div></div>			
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER (First HABS Report) E. Frances Offutt HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DATE OF RECORD July 29, 1965	